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Poetry.

In the West.

There's a beauty and a glory
In the bright and boundless West,
Reaching onward, over onward
To where day lies down to rest;
Where the vision finds no limit,
Where the spirit feels no bound,
But a mighty sense of freedom
Fills immensity all round.

and the soul looks up and onward, th a bold, insatiate quest Hoping always - weary never-Daring all things - in the West; For the West hath large resources n her rich and generous soil, hich responds with lavish bounty into him that tills the soil.

And the GOLD that buyeth all things,
And abstell every ill,
Ger her lay is stream profusely.
The adventurer's pures to fill;
There's a glory and a heauty
And promise in the West,
laring pilgrims onward, onward
Toward where day lies down to rest;

We go forth from home and kindred, From the palace where dear ones sleep;
From true love and faithful friendship.
Little heeding how they weep;
For a mighty expectation
Huras like phrenzy in the breast—
Of success, and loy and honor
That await us in the West.

Ye, sometimes, forlorn and weary, hen the shades of evening come, sit still and talk with memory four dear forsaken home our kind and loving brothers, and sweet sisters, good a fair, th their smiles and pleasant voices, arnest love and ceaseless care;

And, perhaps, a lovely maiden.
In the early bloom of youth,
Who has listened, blushing, smiling,
To our tales of love and truth;
Now we seem to see them gathered
In the old, familiar room;

And the features of the homestead— Buildings, fences, fields and brooks, Orchards, flowers, and berry patches, Shady lawns and sunny nocks; And the beautiful companions Of the bright and shadowy hours, With their answering eyes and voices And the hearts that beat with ours.

How they brighten in the distance— How doth absence make them dear! Till the homesick spirit moaneth With a prophecy of fear— We shall see our dear home never, We shall meet our friends no more, And our life hath lost the treasure That a world cannot restore."

The Herald of Freedom.

LAWRENCE, K. T.

Saturday Morning, Jan. 1, 1859.

Early News of Gold in Western Kansas.

realth than that found in briefs and spe- plenty, they deemed it advisable to reporta from the gold region as often as he am reach us with mail communications.

There is a probability that gold in great region, and a fine country to live in. There bundance can be found in that new and mexplored region, and if the reports are fliable the "diggings" are actually richer

han the El Dorado of the Pacific.

The last accounts, however, seem to in
Be safe for a small company to go.

GEO. BUTLER.

menter they had determined on locating a have they had determined on locating a claim, who had spent between sever and claim, who had s eight weeks' time in a fruitless search for the glittering treasure, besides about \$125 and Bates county companies, and a small each, of ready money. They claimed that the mines had anticipated work.

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morning, and I can inform you that as for there being such a man as John Harrison, vestigation. going from this county to the supposed gold mines, I have made inquiry and no one knows anything of him. But I can inform your above the supposed with the s going from this county to the supposed gold mines, I have made inquiry and no one knows anything of him. But I can inform you that I have conversed with one Mr. Kathan Roberson, who got in on Saturday evening last, in company with Prof. Roberson and eight others, from the Guld Mines.

I am happy to state that there is gold here, in what quantities, I am unable to say. One of the boys went out with a prospected over the Same, and many other places this. The base of Pike's Peak.

These deposits were about four miles apart. Having worked this mine some eight or ten days, we set out to prospect the Platte as far as the snow range in the Rocky Mountains. We continued up said river about eighty miles, and finding only fine drift gold, and our provisions being exhausted, we were obliged to return to camp.

After recruiting ourselves for a few pan a few moments since, and in one pan-

two weeks, and states they suffered very much on account of the scarcity of water, which was very bad when they got it.

Yours in baste,

A. G. McCRACKEN. All those in want of picks, and other digging instruments, can get them at half safely arrived at this noted place. We price about Warsaw, as some of our b'hoys have taken up our quarters on an island, are overstocked with articles in that line. thirteen miles below Cherry creek, on the Apply to the senior publisher of the Dem- South Platte. We are comfortably fixed;

tory of the mines, as we gather it from our files of 1855; but it seems the spirit of plenty of timber and good grass to winter our mules, and so we are better fixed than inquiry thus arroused in regard to gold on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains we arrived here on the 15th of October, was not allowed to sleep thus quietly.—
Pool and others who had discovered the gold there, and reported the fact, found

We arrived here in the local fact, found was not allowed to sleep thus quietly.—
We can't mine till spring, on account of water and cold weather. The weather has been pleasant—snow on the ground their characters for veracity involved, and for the past eight days, yet it is moderate

Freedom, dated Dec. 5, 1857, we find now they stay in the mountains. the following :

TAHLEQUAH, C. N. Oct. 31, 1857. number of your paper, I see a letter from Richard Coody, referring to the gold region of the South Platte. As it may be of interest to some of your readers to know been much gold taken out yet. One comwho some of the returned gold hunters are, and what they say in reference to this thirteen or fourteen in number, prospecting and digging since July, took out some Mr. Beck, a citizen of this nation and a member of the National Legislature. He Lawrence Company took out some, but is a worthy man and considered to be re. not to any great amount. For a day or liable in the strictest sense. He was raised in the gold region of North Georgia, and thoroughly understands digging for the control only ones that were mining when I was precious metal. He says that in the Spring of 1850, he, in company with several others, started to California, and when they well do that as nothing. But I judge had reached the mountains, he and a few | well do that as nothing. But I judge others commenced prospecting in a tribu-tary of the South Platte. One of the company waded into the creek, from the prospects. bottom of which he obtained a panful of sand which yielded two or three dollars excitement in Iowa and Nebraska. When worth of gold, with which they returned | we came up the South Platte we were the to camp and proposed remaining, but be- second team, and since we got here, there ing overruled by a large portion of their have at least one hundred teams passed companions, who had heard such marvelous tales of California, they were obliged and they are still coming. A train of 25 beck, while in California, made from port plenty more on the southern route—retwelve to twenty dollars per day. Since his return from California he has been will be found by next May, and if it pays, anxious to retura to the South Platte, but then is the time to come. There is no Turning back to No. 30, Vol. 1, of the has not been able to raise a company suf-

Last Spring some white men and a son of Mr. Beck, started to the South Platte, feet, and often not at all. being manifested in this vicinity, in favor They had got within sixty miles of the of the gold mines on the fork of the Arkansas. Several gentlemen of position commenced prespecting. Young Beck, are making preparation to set out on a from a hole about six inches deep, obtaind prospecting" tour, and the probability one panful of sand which he brought home w is that south-western Kansas is des- with him, and which I have in my office. tined to excel California in the richness and extent of her gold mines. A gentleman of the legal profession, who doems They only remained there part of a day; an expedition there a quicker passport to their company being small and Indians

we well to consider the subject well before two or three months, inquiring in regard to panful of gravel. This was done, or rathsach, of ready money. They claimed that thousands were returning; that there was no gold there; that Pool, who gave the original report about gold being there in such abundance, only got his report from the Indians; and that he was desirous of getting persons, and a small work.

But leaving our apostate men, I will give you a short history of our mining. Thirteen of us moving up the river, or the South Platte, toward the mountains, Mr. Green Russell, an experienced miner, discount of the substance of them upon the ground.—

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By a letter of Mr. McKimens, one of the Green Russell, an experienced miner, discount of the substance of them upon the ground.—

But leaving our apostate men, I will give you a short history of our mining. Thirteen of us moving up the river, or the South Platte, toward the mountains, Mr. Green Russell, an experienced miner, day. Of course not much can be done this winter, but when spring opens, there are the country is full of gold, and the their movements, and a small work.

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For the country is full of gold, and the there will be no difficulty in digging our provided that there will be no difficulty in digging of the their movements, and a small work.

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The gold fever will have one good effect. It has made the thousands who have explored that country, acquainted with its resources, and in due time the information will be found very valuable by the way of pointing out the best localities for settlements in that direction. We are

DEAR SIR:—I received your letter this ment of three and a half years ago, if any sive, that yielded, on an average, the same

vestigation.

traversed over the Ouchitz Mountains, and that they are possessed over the same, and many other places this side, and that they care possessed over the same, and that they care possessed over the same and the company, this is a targe yield. There are the company believe the (Polit about forty miles square, and that the company believe the (Polit about forty miles square, and the company pelieve the (Polit about forty miles square, and the company pelieve the (Polit about forty miles square, and the company pelieve the (Polit about forty miles square, and the company pelieve the (Polit about forty miles square, and the company pelieve the (Polit about forty miles square, and the company pelieve the (Polit about forty miles square, and the company pelieve the (Polit about forty miles square, and the company pelieve the (Polit about forty miles square, and the company pelieve the (Polit about forty miles square, and the company pelieve the (Polit about forty miles square, and the company pelieve the (Polit about forty miles square, and the polity of the repeated the polity of the repeated the polity of the repeated the polity of this region is to be polity the polity of the region in the polity of this region is to be polity to the polity of this region in the polity of the region is to be polity of the polity of this region in the polity of the region is to be polity of the polity of the region is to be polity of the polity of the region is to be polity of the polity of the region is to be polity of the polity of the region is to be polity of the polity of the region is to be polity of the polity of the region is to be polity of the polity of the region is to be polity of the polity of the polity of the region is to be polity of the polity of the polity

We find in the Leavenworth Times the He says from the appearance of the strictly reliable, and perhaps as valuable following letters, which we conceive to be He says from the appearance of the strictly reliable, and perhaps as valuable from thence we determined to go north and prospect the Black Hills, Medicine Bow Mountains and the North Platte, discretized as any which have reached the States from the gold region :

NEAR CHERRY CREEK, Nov. 8, '58. EDITOR OF THE TIMES:-At last I have have a good cabin, that was built some Such is the substance of the early his- years ago by some trader, and we have

hence they labored the harder to make lope, prairie chickens and ducks in abun-Passing to No. 17, Vol. 3, of the Herald of elk in the timber when winter sets in;

In regard to the gold in this country, I can't say much. I was up in the gold re-ED. SOUTH-WEST DEMOCRAT:—In a late gion about four days, prospecting. We umber of your paper. I see a letter from found gold, but in small grains; whether those creeks, at least there are the best

The gold news has caused a devil of an

Herald of Freedom, dated July 28, 1855, ficiently strong to protect them from hos- whether it will pay. All the gold is float tile Indians, several tribes of which range gold, very fine, and is only found immeyou can find the bed rock by digging three

> SOUTH PLATTE GOLD MINES.) Auraria City, Nov. 11, '58. Ep. of THE TIMES:-On the 18th of May, 1858, your humble servant, in comom Leavenworth for this point. Having arrived at Pottawattomie county, K. T.,

the way of pointing out the best localities for settlements in that direction. We are glad the bubble has exploded, as it was having an injurious effect on the settlement of Kansas.

In the number of the Herald of Freedom of August 4, 1855, we find the following letter, written by Mr. McCracken, clerk of the Circuit Court of Missouri, in answer to one written to the editor of the Warsaw, Mo., Democrat:

Springerield, July 10, 1855.

These deposits were about four miles

miner calls a good color. After perambutant about two hundred miles from the to John Calvert, Esq., of this city :

crossing of the South Platte. Leaving the crossing about the 1st of September, we prospected on our way, finding drift gold in all the creeks, aver-

prospected Fountain Que Boilt and in the more. seard of some mines in that country, but to come to the Platte.

I am perfectly satisfied that an industrious man can make from \$2 50 to \$15 over 240 inhabitants, and about 60 good per day, according to the richness of his log cabins. There is, as near as can be claim, and the chance of getting water on the same. Mining operations are suspen- valley—and before Spring, should the ded at present, and will be until spring .-There will be from five hundred to one than half of them in our place, living in thousand men here this winter, all ready good houses. to commence mining in the spring.

There has been about 1,500 pwts. taken out of these mines up to this time, and one small company has taken out at least two-thirds of that amount. If the source of this gold is discovered, it may pay well, but that is all conjecture and suppo-

Yours truly, WM. McKIMENS.

FORT LABAMIE, Nov. 9th, 1858 DEAR FRIEND:—I received your letter six days ago, and to-day Ed. Cantreill told me about seeing you, in Kansas, and heard from him, that in Westport they have contradicted your word about there being gold at Cherry Creek, on South Fork of Platte. Now I tell you positive-ly that since we have been there the miners have averaged from \$2.50 to \$5 per one man got \$16 in one day—this being nothing but wash gold; and they have found gold at different points right in the middle of the South Piatte. The small have not been thoroughly prospected, the acting like a flock scratching a little here and then running off to another place.

Indian report says that five men washed half a champagne bottle of gold at the mouth of Thompson's Fork. Yours truly,

†This was the Lawrence Company, as we un-derstand, to whom Mr. McKimens alludes.

Miscellaneous News from the Gold Region.

They only remained there part of a day; their company being small and Indians plenty, they deemed it advisable to return.

Mr. Beck says that the country, three hundred miles around, indicates a mineral region, and a fine country to live in. There is region, and a fine country to live in. There is region, and a fine country to live in. There is region, and a fine country to live in. There is region, and a fine country to live in. There is region and a fine country to live in. There is region, and a fine country to live in. There is region and a fine country to live in. There is region and a fine country to live in. There is region and a fine country to live in. There is region and a fine country to live in. The manual for anything which you

Council Bluffs, Nov. 24

different streams in the Gold region: Fish Pond Creek, Black Squirrel Creek

Another Letter from the Gold Mines. lating about in this part for some time, We have been permitted, says the Leavwe returned to the crossing of the Platte; enworth Ledger, of the 24th December, to

> AURORIA, Mouth of Cherry Creek,) on the bank of the South Platte, Nov. 24th, 1858.

MR JOHN CALVERY_DEAR SIR :aging from one cent's worth of dust to the Having a chance to send letters to the pan of gravel. When within fifteen miles States, I will perform the promise I made of the North Platte, we were visited by a you in relation to this new gold country violent snow storm, which induced us to Our party reached this place on the 15th of this month, all in good health and winter.

When we arrived at the crossing we were surprised to find some fifty men, who, having heard of our discoveries, wagon about 400 miles; but I am much came up to the mines. They having better now, and hope will not be sick any

vicinity of Pike's Peak, and not finding any gold, determined to prospect the northern part of New Mexico, having named as above. The name is a lating the n heard of some mines in that country, but word, and has some relation to the dis-after prospecting some time and not dis-covery of gold. It is beautifully situated, covering anything more, and having heard being at the mouth of the new famous that we were doing well, they determined Cherry Creek, directly on the bank of the Platte, with a full view of the Rocky Mountains, with their snow crowned peaks always in sight. The city now contains

It is my opinion, and I give it to you honestly, John, that the emigration to this country in search of treasure will be not less than 30,000 men, and I will not be in the least surprised if it equals that of '49 and '50 to California. There is gold, and plenty of it. Every one who prospects finds it, and those who work all the time make good wages, say from three to six dollars per day; this, in the winter, when the days are short, is said by old miners to be good work when done with the shovel and pan. There has been no heavy work commenced as yet, such as going down to the bed rock of the river, carrying water through the ground in ditches, and such work. There is but few men in the mines, all being engaged in building cabins and getting ready for winter. While most all are going wild about locations for towns and cities, I think we have the advantage over all for many reasons, and among them day; and heard from a true source that I have told you some, which I think are

streams that empty in the South Platte, Mr. Simpson, a man of intelligence,

From the Gold Regions of the West. We had a call in our office from Mr. Young, a gentleman recently returned from the gold fields of the South Platte, and from him gained some additional and interesting information. Mr. Y. came to Kansas from Iowa, and settled on the Walnut, near Eldorado, about sixty miles South-west of this place. In May last, a party of Cherokees, from the Indian Territory south, passed Eldorado on their way to Pike's Peak, in search of gold, and Mr. Y. joined them. On arriving at the Peak he found the Russell's Georgia Company there prospecting, and joined them. He remained with them during the whole season, which was spent in prospecting.— They found gold everywhere, but only on Cherry Creek and the South Platte did it appear to be in quantities to pay for workappear to be in quantities to pay for working. The largest amount of gold obtained from a single panful by any member of the company which Mr. Young was with, was two dollars and a half, and the largest Fish Pond Creek, Black Squirrel Creek, amount obtained by a single person in one day was eleven dollars. The country on Cherry Creek and the South Platte is well Fountain qui Boille rises within 3 miles from the base of Pike's Peak.

Then there is Vaccus Fork, Thompson's ducing region. Mr. Y. intends returning early in the spring with fixtures for a water power saw mill. He cautions per-sons intending to go out, against being too From the mouth of Cherry Creek to Pike's Poak is 78 miles. You go up Cherry Creek 35 miles, thence across to Fish Pond 12 miles, to Black Samuel 10.

Poefry.

Dream Mot, but Work. Dream not, but work! Be bold! be brave!
Let not a coward spirit crare
Escase from tasks siletted!
Thankful for toil and danger be;
Duty's high call will make thee fice
The vicious—the besotted.

Think not thy share of strife too great; Speed to thy post, creek, clate; Strength from above is given To those who combat sin and wrong, Nor ask how much, nor count how long They with the foe have striven,

Wage ceaseless war 'gainst lawless might;
Speak out the truth—act out the right—
Shield the defenceless;
Be firm—be strong—improve the time—
Pity the sinner—but for crime,
Crush it—relentless!

Strive on, strive on, nor ever deem
Thy work complete. Care not to seem,
But be a Christian true.
Think, speak, and act, 'gainst mean device;
Wrestle with those who sacrifice
The many to the few. Forget thyself, but bear in mind The claims of suffering humankind; So shall the welcome night. Unseen, o'ertake thee, and the soul, Sinking in slumber at the goal Wake in sternal light!

The Gold Regions.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 14, 1858. Col. JAS. ISBELL-MY DEAR SIR :- At the time of my location on this border, left the mines on the first day of October, 27 years since, I was connected with In- in a company of fourteen persons, nine of dian affairs, and was led to form an inti- whom remained at Lawrence, K. T. They mate acquaintance with many of the old are a portion of a company of forty-nine Indian traders, hunters and trappers .- men, which was organized under the From these men it was my practice to auspices of the citizens of Lawrence, for obtain all possible information concerning the physical geography of the great mountain chain from which descend our noble of gold in that section having been brought rivers. Among these old friends, now into the town by a party of friendly Indipassed away, Cohon, a Delaware hunter, ans. The company left Lawrence in May who annually wintered in the mountains, last. On arriving at Pike's Peak, and who annually wintered in the mountains, last. On arriving at Pike's Peak, and was in the habit of calling on me and finding no gold, they encamped and sent relating many of his romantic adventures.

Out prospecting parties in various directions, one of which met Doch's party on the estimation of all as a brave and hon- Cherry Creek, returning from the South orable red man. About 20 years since, Platte, on that stream. They reported lated to me his discovery of gold on a tributary of the South Platte. At the

going out to the mines, if they should about one-quarter of an ounce of gold, meet war parties of Indians, no matter of with adherent fragments of quartz rock, Miscellaneous News from the Gold Region.

Various statements are made, by different persons, in regard to the productivetent persons, in regard to the p

returned from the Platte river mines I am personally acquainted, and have examined the specimens they have brought in, and am fully satisfied of the truth of their reports. Indeed, under all the circumstances of the case, it would be as unrea sonable to dispute the existence of gold upon the Platte as to doubt that of Pike's

north. This long range of mountains towers up before the traveler everywhere, as he moves to the west, like a huge battlement frowning across his way; yet by ascending the Platte or the Arkansas from the east, or the Colorady from the west, the traveler finds himself passing over the summit and surrounded by creat elumns of the relation traveler for want of provisions. Our friend, N. S. Ransehoff, Esq., of Riley City, has just arrived in the overland surrounded by creat elumns of the richness of

Many may cry "Humbug," but the Western Kaussas, widely distributed float gold proves forci- The gentleman Kansas City," it will make Kansas City gold exists in considerable grain and gold to those nations.

Very respectfully yours, J. LYKINS.

From the St. Louis Republican, Nov. 27,-

Messrs. A. French, Joseph Bradt, Wm. Hartley, T. C. Dickerson and Wm. Smith, arrived in this city yesterday, directly from Pike's Peak gold diggings. They

and previous to the discovery of gold in that but \$2 or \$3 per day could be made regard to Mr. Ritchman's statements of California, being at my house, Cohon re- by each man. Both parties returned to what he witnessed at the mines, we copy the Peak disappointed.

The day after their arrival a Mexican

time, having no apprehension of the ex-istence of gold in those regions, I contro-tion that large quantities of gold were to verted the idea of gold in that section of be found on the head waters of the Colthe country, which led my old friend to orado, imbedded in quartz, a party of the manifestation of much warmth of feel- about twenty-seven were dispatched under ing in support of his opinion. He stated his guidance in search of the diggings, but that along a small tributary of the South after nine days of weary and unsuccessful Platte he had his traps set, and that in exploration, the guide becoming bewilfollowing the margin of the stream, he dered, they lost their reckoning and came Treatment of Indians on the Boute to the Gold discovered that the mud had the effect, straggling into camp one by one.—

from its gravity, to cause his moccasins to Fortunately all arrived safely. Anmountain men, and Government Officers, it to be full of small particles of gold.— miles east of which they reported having remarking in regard to the treatment of discovered gold in considerable quantities.

They also found that ore on the head Indians, who may be met with on the route to the gold region, says:

"I would recommend to all companies this country, a trapper exhibited to us just above the mouth of which they discountry. covered what are now the regular diggings. The party from Lawrence left that

reliable the "diggings" are actually richer than the El Dorado of the Pacific.

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In the number of our paper for the week following, we find another editorial touching the subject, which we copy:

The Golden Burner.—The golden touching the subject, which we explorations in the touching the subject, which we explorate in this city to make explorations in the bubble has exploded, and those who were tableded into the idea of sudden wealth.

The Golden Burner.—The golden to the subject which we cap is touching the subject which we cap is touching the subject which we cap is touching the subject, which we cap is the mines, and then the matter seemed to this the mines, and then the matter seemed to any one part time.

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South Platte, and I now have described over the stock was in good cofficion and near time.

In addition to this, to my mind, positive sending as possible, keeping a strict guard over the existence of gold in that region form that day until the stock was in good cofficion and near time.

South Platte, He left on the 3d inch the co

> few Indians. Yankee enterprise has alera are making in these diggings (which ready began to manifest itself in the would not be worked in the Spring or founding of two towns—one, St. Charles, situated at the mouth of Cherry Creek, and the other, Montans, about eight miles to the gold, and have but little fear of "Old above the former. Buildings are going up rapidly; provisions, though not superabundant, are sufficient to supply the Buffs. It is a small bend of the Platte, up rapidly; provisions, though not superup rapidly; provisions, though not supply the
> immediate wants of the miners, and no
> very great suffering, for want of food or
> protection during the ensuing winter, is
> anticipated. The day before our party
> to New Mexico for provisions, in case they
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> which went back into the mountains, a listance of fifty miles, found gold, but had to return for want of provisions. Our informant says the general impression mountains towering above the clouds.—Long's Peak, Pike's Peak, the Spanish Peaks, 12,000 feet in height, like hooded monks, sohw-clad, point to these passes. These vast upheavals, rent, torn and fretted as no pen can portray, for ages subjected to the action of the elements, expose but partially those deposits of the precious metals whose abundance is yet to surpass any previous discovery in the world. It is here that nature has formed mountains nonthemost wild and magnificent scale, where spring rivers, bisecting a continent, which, as a mineral region, both goology and discovery mark as the richest and grandest section of the earth.
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> Another peculiarity of this region is that the vast basis occupying the area between the Sierra Nevada and the Rocky Mountain range interlocating with the plate, narrowing up this mognets of the same some beautiful specimens of the mountains, and and stage from Salt Lake City. He brings to require in the oversions of the richests of mountains, and and stage from Salt Lake City. He brings to require in the provisions. Our informant of provisions. Our informant says the general impression that be read monks; that extensive deposits of the plants of the strain of the richest will be found throughout the mountains. The best diggings are located a short distance of the reports that had reached that post. The letter this friend that post. The letter this friend that post, the letter this friend that post. The letter this friend that post, the letter this friend that post. The letter this friend that post, the letter this friend that post. The letter this friend that post, the letter this friend that post. The letter this friend that post, the letter this friend to store the continuent of the cash. It is also the transmitted that post is a panula. In the regular mines the "dust" is found from one panula of sand. It takes from foun

ments, suitably to let the trade and travel | The climate in the region of the mines of nations pass.

Again, San Francisco, Pike's Peak, Fort the time of the departure of the company; Riley, Kansas City, and New-York, all the miners sleep in the open air with im-

occupy nearly the same latitude, and are very nearly in a right line.

This Eldorado of the West will attract a great rush of hardy men, who, finding themselves in the midst of a country as beautiful and romantic as Switzerland, and lovely in climate as Italy, will explore its long and 20 or 30 wide. The mountains are lovely in climate as Italy, will explore its long and 20 or 30 wide. The mountains vales with bleating flocks and waving are heavily timbered with spruce, pine, oak, and all other kind, of trees pecul

The gentleman from whom we obtain bly and incontestibly that gold exists abundantly, and will be found and will troduction from some of the first and most amply reward the toil of those who seek it.

As to what "effect it will have upon not doubt the truth of their reports. That the San Francisco of the eastern slope of the region of Pike's Peak will not be de-the mountains, to the wealth and grandeur nied, but whether it will prove a new of which both Asia and Europe will con-tribute, making it the great dispenser of determine. It cannot be but highly injudicious for emigrants to start for the diggings before spring, as but little will be accomplished in the way of mining until then, and those there have nothing to spare in the way of lodgings or provisions.

> From the Council Bluf's (Iowa) Nonparell, Nov. 27. The Gold Mines at Cherry Cerek, Nebrasks.

> The companies which left this city, Omaha and Florence, about the 22d September, arrived at the mines on the 29th of October, making the entire distance, 567 miles, in about thirty days, including unavoidable detentions. One of the gentlemen, a Mr. Ritchman, who went out with the company from this city, returned on Tuesday last, 23d inst., making the return trip in eighteen days. He went and returned by the North Platte route, He arrived at the mines on the 29th of October, and left on the 5th inst. He brought back numerous letters from the members of the company to their friends in this city, and about \$20 worth of Cherry Creek gold dust. He also brought us a letter from our regular correspondent, Sam. S. Curtis, which will be found below. With

from the Bugle as follows: "Mr. Ritchman says that the miners who have been there long enough to get permanently located and at work, are making, without the aid of long toms or rockers, from two dollars and fifty cents to

twenty dollars per day.
While Mr. Ritchman was there he saw three dollars and fifty cents worth of gold

washed out of a single panful of dirt. The largest piece of gold found while he was there, that came under his notice, Mr. Simpson, a man of intelligence, says the Kansas City Journal, who enjoys the confidence of the whole army of the cause, and upon rubbing the mud ed off in the Spring, so that the miners can work in the gulches in the mountains, that round gold will be found in more

abundance and in larger pieces." By this arrival direct from the mines, we have indubitable evidence, that the gold diggins on the tributaries of the South Platte will pay as well as any ever yet discovered. There is no longer a pag to hang a doubt upon. The richness of the deposits have ceased to be a matter of speculation with the people of this city.—
They have to believe the evidence of their

own friends and neighbors.

The following letter, from Sam. S.
Curtis, speaks for itself. To those acquainted with Mr. C. not a word is necessary to insure credence to his statement To those unacquainted with him, we would